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SENATE BILL 599

By Haile

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 9 and Title 37, relative to contract providers of the department of children's services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding any law, in any fiscal year in which the total budget amount appropriated in the general appropriations act for the operation of state government exceeds the amount appropriated by the general appropriations act in the immediately prior fiscal year by three percent (3%) or more, the department shall provide an automatic increase of two percent (2%) in the compensation of providers of services to children with whom the department contracts for that same fiscal year's contracts.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.